

Jo Grant looks very fetching in her white pantsuit, and there are some satisfying shots of her curvy bottom, but getting her spanked in 'The Sea Devils' is not going to be easy. The difficulty lies in the way the story is structured: Jo and the Doctor spend a lot of time apart, and he is the one who tends to get captured and walk into danger while she comes in with her UNIT passes or lock-picking skills and gets him out again. The main stretch of the story where they are together is the sea fort sequence in Parts 1 and 2, so that's the place to work on...

The Doctor's problem on the fort, apart from the marauding Sea Devil, is that he can't call for help until he has improvised a transmitter out of a transistor radio: the Sea Devil has smashed the fort's main radio equipment. When you think about it, this is a minor implausibility: the radio is the only thing that has been disabled, but how could the Sea Devil have chosen its target so accurately among the numerous pieces of (to it) alien technology on the fort? In view of our wider objective, let's fix this by transferring the cause of the Doctor's problem to Jo...

Having given the raving Clark a sedative, the Doctor explains to Jo that they are probably right on top of a colony of Sea Devils: they need to get out fast, and to do that they need to radio for help. Both of them search the room for the transmitter. Jo is the first to find it. She picks it up and starts to heft it over to the table. The Doctor moves to help her with it, but she tells him, 'I can manage.' Unfortunately she can't manage, and moments later the equipment is on the floor in irreparable smithereens.

The Doctor's face darkens with anger. He has the strong impulse to lecture Jo about her clumsy carelessness, but he bites it back. 'There isn't time right now,' he says, his voice stern and steady, 'but when, or if, I get us back to safety, you'll get a spanking for that.' Jo looks down in guilty silence. There's really nothing she can say.

So now all that's needed is for the Doctor to lash up his makeshift radio and find that the Air Sea Rescue helicopter has come for them before they called. The helicopter rescue is not shown in the television version, so let's add a few admiring shots of Jo wiggling her way up the rope ladder before they are flown back to the naval base.

When they arrive, Captain Hart's secretary Jane Blythe offers them blankets and a hot drink. The Doctor asks if there is somewhere private they could go for a few moments. 'Yes, of course,' says Jane, showing them to the wardroom. 'I expect you'd like to get out of those wet clothes...'

'No, thank you,' says Jo with an edge of panic in her voice. She knows what's coming, and the last thing she needs right now is to be wearing fewer clothes!

The Doctor solemnly closes the wardroom door and speaks sternly to Jo.

He's warned her about carelessness time and again, but still she makes the same mistakes. Jo is slightly tearful at having let him down once more... and then the Doctor sits down and turns her effortlessly over his lap. Jo sprawls in her undignified position, her round bottom in the air, the white of her pantsuit brightened by the white of her panties underneath. The Doctor raises his palm and brings it sharply down. Jo wails and kicks as, once again, justice is done!